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1. About 24 July Hoa Hao leader Vinh, aka Pa Gamo (Fighting Cock), deserted his post near Mytho (N 10-21, E 106-21) with one company of troops. He entered the Plaine des Jongs and made contact with Ba Cut.¹
2. Ba Cut sent his Chief-of-Staff to the headquarters of Trinh Minh The, but his arrival has not as yet been reported.²

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 Comments

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1. A previous Hoa Hao desertion from the Vietnamese National Army was reported on 27 June which stated that the attempts of the Vietnamese Commander-in-Chief, Nguyen Van Hinh, to undermine the leaders of Nationalist groups had led to the defection of Ba Cut.
2. Trinh Minh The is a dissident Cao Dai military leader.

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